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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Dale J. Crook

For: FLEXIBLE DUCT SLEEVE

Enclosed are:

- X Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page) and
15 Pages of Specification and Claims
7 Sheets of drawings
X Declaration and Power of Attorney
X Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under
 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | <u>20</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> | | x | 9 | = \$ | 18 | = \$ |
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X Our check No. 53340 is also enclosed to cover, among other items, the above filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: FLEXIBLE DUCT SLEEVE
Serial No. 09/498,783
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Dear Dale:

Enclosed please find a copy of an Action which we received from the Examining Attorney in charge of prosecuting the above application.

After you have reviewed this Action, please call me to discuss further prosecution. Our response is due in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on or before **March 21, 2001**.

Sincerely yours,


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RE: *Dale J. Crook, Applicant*; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/498,783 for
FLEXIBLE DUCT SLEEVE

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I have received an Office Action dated December 21, 2000 with regard to the above-referenced application. However, the Office Action incorrectly identifies the applicant as "Cook". The applicant's name is "Dale J. Crook." Please modify this in the PTO database to correctly reflect the spelling of applicant's name and to ensure that subsequent correspondence correctly identifies applicant..

Also, please note that all correspondence with regard to this applicant should be addressed to my attention at the following address:

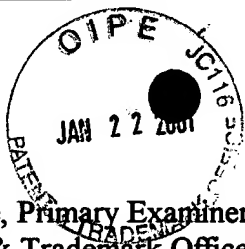
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call me if there are any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

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